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THE END IS NEAR

The Political Pot is Boiling Lively This Week

Next Tuesday tells the tale and ends the most quiet presidential campaign, so far as this section is concerned, we have ever witnessed. The result, as to the presidential contest, is practically settled. Everybody concedes the election of Wilson and Marshall, the democratic nominees for president and vice-president, and with their election it is certain a democratic house of congress will be elected and there are strong probabilities that the United States senate will also be won by the democrats.

In Tennessee the race for governor is uncertain. Hooper may be elected by a good majority, and yet McMillin may win by a safe vote. The two parties are so torn to pieces by factional differences that it is hard to make an estimate with any degree of certainty. Of course the managers and ardent supporters of both McMillin and Hooper campaigns are able to figure out victory, by a good majority, for their respective candidates. But to the conservative observer the result appears doubtful.

The state will go for Wilson and Marshall. That seems certain at this time. Roosevelt will get a good vote, taking support from both Wilson and Taft, but he will run third man in the race.

In the congressional contest Mr. Sims' election seems certain. Ross and Grissom will divide the republican vote, making Sims' victory easy. There is no opposition to Sims in the democratic party, and he is making such a fine congressman that many republicans will vote for him.

The legislative race is very uncertain. The fight between Argo and Sparks continues without abatement, and the contest between McKinney and McCall for senator and between Williamson and Herron for floater, is warming up and will be one of the most exciting of the election in this section. In Henry county the regulars and independents have both

opened headquarters and are making things lively in that county. In Carroll the contest is not so warm.

Preachers Change

Rev. Thomas Orman, who has been preaching for a group of Methodist churches, including Liberty All, Palmers Shelter and others, for the last two years, was, by the recent conference of his church, sent to Camden and Rev. Richey takes his place here. Rev. Richey and family came in last week and have taken charge. Bro. Orman will not move for a few weeks. Rev. Virgil Pafford has been made presiding elder of this district and will locate either in Huntingdon or McLemoresville, perhaps the latter place, as they have a strong church there.

STATES HIS POSITION

Harry Williamson Lets the Voters Know Where He Stands

To the voters of Carroll, Weakley and Henry counties:

I am a candidate for floater representative and will not be able to see all the voters personally, so I take this method of expressing my views on the important questions that are to be decided by the next legislature.

I favor the retention of our temperance and election laws.

I am opposed to the iniquitous back tax system.

I am opposed to M. R. Patterson for the United States senate, and will not under any condition or circumstances support him.

I favor such improvement in our public school system as experience may show to be necessary, and I favor such a change in our road laws, in the respective counties, as the people think most practicable.

If my position, as stated above, appeals to you, I will appreciate your support and influence, and if elected, I assure you that I will serve the people to the best of my ability.

Yours very truly,
HARRY WILLIAMSON.

CIRCUIT COURT

The October Term Convened on Last Monday

The October term of the circuit court of Carroll county convened last Monday, Judge Harwood presiding. The grand jury was empaneled and charged Monday morning. The charge was strong and exhaustive, and covered the ground thoroughly. Gen. T. C. Rye is giving close attention to the grand jury and, we understand, some indictments are being found.

The grand jury is composed of the following: W. W. Hamilton, R. W. Morse, N. A. Orr, S. E. Butler, John S. Laws, I. W. Black, J. L. Reynolds, W. H. Winston, W. H. Billeby, A. C. Hardy, M. M. Merritt, J. R. Williams and A. L. Douglas. W. W. Hamilton, foreman, and H. K. Aden, officer. Regular jury—J. D. McCoy, W. A. Mullins, J. M. Thompson, Henry Butler, J. T. Austin, J. M. Crawford, T. J. Lankford, T. L. Bouldin, N. T. Dill, J. W. Foster and E. M. Moore.

The case of W. A. Pinkley vs. Yuma Gin Co., was tried Tuesday and resulted in a verdict for the defendants. Pinkley was suing for damages. He got an arm broken while working at the gin. In the case of S. J. Belew, executor, against the Yuma Gin Co., a judgment was given against the defendant for \$18.

McTyeire and Massey Tie

In one of the most hotly contested games of football ever witnessed in McKenzie, McTyeire held Massey school of Pulaski to a tie Saturday afternoon, score being 6 to 6. The teams were well matched and contested every inch of ground. The visitors scored after a few minutes of play and thereafter the ball was carried up and down the field with honors about even. McTyeire and University school play in Memphis, November 9.

A house and lot on Jackson street for sale. Call on me for particulars. Sol Bennett.

ADDRESS TO DEMOCRATS

County Campaign Committee Reviews Political Situation and Gives Sound Advice

To the Democrats of Carroll county:

Next Tuesday is regular election day and the county democratic campaign committee wants to ask you to carefully consider several things in the general political situation before you go to the polls to cast your vote.

First, kindly remember that our national party is expecting each state to come forward with its full democratic strength and give Wilson and Marshall every vote that is due them. Victory never seemed nearer or more certain, and we should all take part that we may more fully enjoy the victory.

But we want to call every democrat's attention to the fact that the democratic party is not alone a national organization. The national party is composed of divisions, made up by state organizations, and without these state organizations there could be no national party.

Here in Tennessee the democratic organization has been in serious trouble for over two years; fusion of incompatible elements has given us a republican governor and republicans fill practically all public offices.

We will recite none of the causes (for there are several) which led to this state of affairs, but will come directly to the present and ask your careful consideration of some definite propositions.

While many of us regret the action of numerous individuals within the party, and sorely regret the action of certain committees in authority since our state trouble began, yet virtually all of us agree that the only way to correct party mistakes is to do it within the party. Two years ago many good democrats voted for Gov. Hooper actually feeling that they were not only getting some satisfaction from the method employed to rebuke certain men and committees, but some actually believed that by electing a republican governor conditions in the state would be made better and the democratic party would be purified.

We will not discuss the effect our republican governor has had on moral or general conditions in the state, for not a voter in the state can point out an improvement.

Now, to the other question: Has the democratic party been purified or improved by so strenuous a rebuke?

Those in position to watch the daily events and know the trend of things cannot say that it has.

Issues are as much confused as they were five days before Bob Taylor was defeated by Ben Hooper.

Such leaders as Luke Lea, Gus Enloe, Judge Bullock, C. C. Barton and others then told us that by giving the democratic party a "sound beating" the party would change front, adopt new principles and write platforms in the future that would suit everyone.

These same leaders now find themselves in a pitiable plight. They are ashamed of the traitorous part they took in the campaign of 1910 that they cannot face the old party again, so they must, of necessity, stay out.

Individual voters, however, are in a different position and it is to those that we appeal. You did not go from one end of the state to the other, vilifying old gray-haired voters who had stood by the party for half a century. You did not lock arms with the federal office-holding republicans and pledge them everything they desired in return for a few legislative favors. You did not abuse democratic representatives in the legislature for attending democratic caucuses and voting for democratic nominees for office. You did not travel over the state and stop at the best hotels, live in luxury and pay off old financial obligations with money sent to Tennessee by the tariff protected republicans of the north.

Your case is by no means like that of those who accepted republican money for the party they played in making Tennessee a republican state and giving Tennessee a rock-ribbed republican in the United States senate. You re-

ceived nothing. You merely made a mistake based on the belief that condition demanded a terrific remedy.

You have tried the medicine and we hope you can see now that no good can come to the state or to the democratic party by again electing a republican governor.

Some of the fusion leaders tell you that Patterson is at the bottom of the trouble in this campaign. Others, our friend Judge Jones, for instance, tells you that it is the whisky plank in the democratic state platform. Really, now, can't you see that it is neither? Can't you see that some politicians made a mistake two years ago, then made another, and another, until finally they found it difficult, if not impossible, to retrace their steps? Can't you see that when they got out, and actually within the enemy's lines, Mr. Sanders, with national republican money, made it interesting for them to keep the armor buckled on?

It is not the prohibition question that is disrupting the democratic party.

Ham Patterson is not the destroyer of the democratic party.

The real trouble lies in the fact that many of the fusion leaders of two years ago are too embarrassed to come home. They are conscious-stricken and rather than apologize they are again trying to hold you out of the party of your father.

Regular democrats were sorely annoyed two years ago when these demagogues began dynamiting the very foundation of the democratic party and many of them then stepped beyond the bounds of propriety. That was an individual fault and not the fault of the party. Realizing, as they did, that no organization, church, political party, farmers' union, banditti, or any other, could live without the key-stone, "majority rule," principle, and seeing these fusion leaders attacking this vital point in our structure, naturally many democrats got mad.

We will not review the efforts of the state committee and others prominent in the party's affairs to reach some agreement with the independents last winter or follow the events through the year.

Coming directly to the present we present our proposition for action next Tuesday. There is but one democratic party in Tennessee. The independent organization has disbanded, leaving the field to the democrats and republicans. Ben Hooper, a boy unheard of before Newell Sanders gave him the republican nomination for governor in exchange for the delegates he controlled at the state convention in 1910, is the nominee of the republican party. Benton McMillin, known by reputation to every citizen of the state, and to more than half of them personally; twice governor of the state, and twenty years in the United States congress, is the nominee of the democratic party.

It has been proven that Hooper not only steered part of the last legislature out of the state to prevent legislation, but he contributed money to keep them out; and it is known that he offered the appointment as warden of the penitentiary in exchange for a vote on his side of an issue pending in the legislature. It is known that no moral improvement has been experienced in the cities following the enactment of the prohibition laws and it is generally known that no good of whatever kind has come of the Hooper administration. Why should a democrat vote for him?

It is known that if Benton McMillin's life record were not clean that some of the thousands of paid employees of the republican machine would find and expose the dark spots. None have ever been mentioned. Then why can't a democrat vote for McMillin?

But the gubernatorial race is not the only one to be settled next Tuesday. We are to elect a legislative ticket. We learn from reliable sources that some former independent democrats contemplate voting for the independent candi-

date for senator, floater and direct representative in this county.

Here we ask you again to think carefully over the situation before you cast your vote. The democratic party has regularly nominated candidates for senator and floater, and they are men of unquestioned character and ability. Their only crime thus far published is that they will vote for all regularly nominated democratic candidates for offices in the gift of the legislature.

Can you vote for a man who says he will not vote for the party's nominees and yet call yourself a democrat?

Do you want your members in the next legislature to do the bidding of Newell Sanders and Ben Hooper? Suppose the republicans and fusionists wanted to re-elect Sanders to the United States senate? Would you want your representative to desert the democrats and vote for Sanders? Suppose Hooper wanted to cut off all confederate pensions (and he once opposed giving them anything). Do you want your representatives so bound to Sanders and Hooper that they would have to vote for such a bill? Suppose Sanders and Hooper wanted to make Tennessee a republican state forever and even by the passage of an election law that would make such a thing certain? Would you want your representatives bound to them so strong that they would have to assist in such work?

In our opinion McKinney, who asks to be senator, and Mr. Williamson, who asks to be floater, are such men. They used to be democrats and there is some democracy in them now, but it is but natural that they would stand by the republican governor and republican senator, who gave them office. These men have not been nominated by any character of party or organization. They announce independently, refused to enter any character of a contest for the office and boldly declare that they are as much republican nominees as they are democratic. They openly admit that they are not only against the state democratic platform, but are also against McMillin for governor. They know that if they are elected it will be by republican votes and they also know that all these republican votes will come from that faction who will on next Tuesday "vote her straight" for Taft, Sanders and the whole lot, down to Argo for representative.

The paradoxical proposition of being a democrat and a republican at the same time surely can't interest democrats.

Joe McCall and John Herron have been democrats all their lives. They are good citizens, of clean characters and spotless records. They are accredited nominees of their party, both having been nominated in the regular way. They stand for good government in every particular, but they are not willing to vote for republicans and stand for fusion in the next legislature.

They are for Wilson, McMillin and for each other.

They know that Hooper can't enforce the prohibition laws in the cities until the people there want the law enforced so they are opposed to the governor's pet plan of removing the officers elected by the people in those cities.

Suppose Mr. Enloe does tell you to keep up the fight? Don't you know that Enloe is a dangerous character? Don't you remember when Mr. Sims defeated Mr. Enloe for the democratic nomination for congress that there was something said about republican money in connection with this great "moral uplift"? That kind of a man has no right to even counsel with you on the subject of suffrage.

Luke Lea knows that neither the independent or regular democrats would ever vote for him in a democratic primary, so of course he can't afford to come back into the party and be a real democrat.

Jeff McCarran never was a democrat. He is a real prohibitionist out of a job and the democratic

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